

# AMERICAN TEAM BRILLIANT IN THE CURTIS CUP MATCH

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The British Isles team of Miss Ann Irvin and Miss Sheila Vaughan were 2 up against Miss Clifford Ann Creed and Miss JoAnne Gunderson after 10 holes in the foursomes phase of the Curtis Cup Match last month at Colorado Springs.

Strolling down the 11th fairway, a par-5 at the Broadmoor Golf Club, Miss Creed turned to her partner and said, "We'd better do something soon."

Miss Gunderson replied, "How about now?", whereupon she whaled a long iron to within 10 feet of the hole. The British team made 4, but when Miss Creed holed her putt the visitors had suffered the experience of scoring a birdie and losing the hole.

Miss Creed and Miss Gunderson came on to win the 36-hole match by 4 and 3.

This incident is relatively descriptive of the entire competition which the United States team won by 8 to 1. It was not that the British played poorly, but rather that the Americans played so well.

The best score ever made by a woman in stroke play competition at Broadmoor is 75, and this from tees that made the course somewhat shorter than the 6,427 yards it measured for the Curtis Cup Match.

Mrs. Anne Quast Decker, the United States champion at the time, was credited with a 74 in the morning round of her singles and then played the first nine holes in the afternoon in 36; Mrs. Decker and Miss Barbara McIntire produced 74 in foursomes; Miss Phyllis Preuss scored 75 in singles; Miss Creed 76.

For the British, there was considerable promise of better things to come.

"This was a beginning", said Mrs. Francis Smith, the Captain, at the conclusion of the event. She was referring to the training program sponsored by the Ladies' Golf Union for juniors.

Five of the eight playing members of the British side had not performed in the Curtis Cup Match before; three are still in their teens; all are likely to be improved players when the competition resumes abroad in 1964.

Mrs. Alastair Frearson, 18 years of age, was responsible for the lone British point by virtue of her 8-and-7 victory over Miss Judy Bell. She made a striking Curtis Cup debut. Mrs. Frearson had 74 in the morning and surged to a lead of 7 holes. Miss Bell was only 2 over par for the balance of the match, 11 holes, but found herself one hole worse off than after 18.

The Americans have traditionally enjoyed an advantage in length off the tee, but not against Mrs. Frearson. One of her drives, and by no means an unusual effort, was paced off at 233 yards.

Miss Jean Roberts also made a gallant try against Miss Preuss. Five down after the morning round, Miss Roberts played the next 14 holes in one under par but bowed eventually to Miss Preuss' steadier play by 1 hole.

The USGA is deeply grateful to the Broadmoor Club and William Thayer Tutt, President, for the boundless courtesies extended to the players and the Committee.

Mrs. William Elliot, Chairman of Broadmoor's Curtis Cup Committee, and her colleagues, including Ed Dudley, professional, also won enduring thanks.

The value of international matches goes well beyond the competition. This was again apparent at Broadmoor, where the atmosphere is most conducive to good spirit. A few incidents surrounding the Curtis Cup Match are offered in evidence:

The British players were every bit the good ambassadors as the British regard Arnold Palmer. The gallery responded warmly to the charm of the visitors.

The American Captain, Miss Riley, requested earnestly that the British Champion, Mrs. Marley Spearman, be allowed ample time to recover from an indisposition that afflicted her just before she was scheduled to begin singles play.

The ultimate in American tributes was paid to the British Team by their caddies, a group of teenagers. So taken were the caddies by the visitors that the boys held a meeting just prior to the competition and decided to forego the practice of chewing gum while in the employ of the British.

Finally, for any who may think that women's amateur golf, even on the level where only the most skilled can compete, is all work and no play, the verses below are offered. The first was written and recited by Captain Riley at a dinner honoring both teams after the Match. The second was sung to the tune of "When You Wore a Tulip" by the entire American Team; all eight members and their Captain had a hand in its creation. Copyright privileges are hereby waived.

#### THE NIGHT BEFORE

'Twas the night before the Matches  
And all through the hotel  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even Judy Bell.

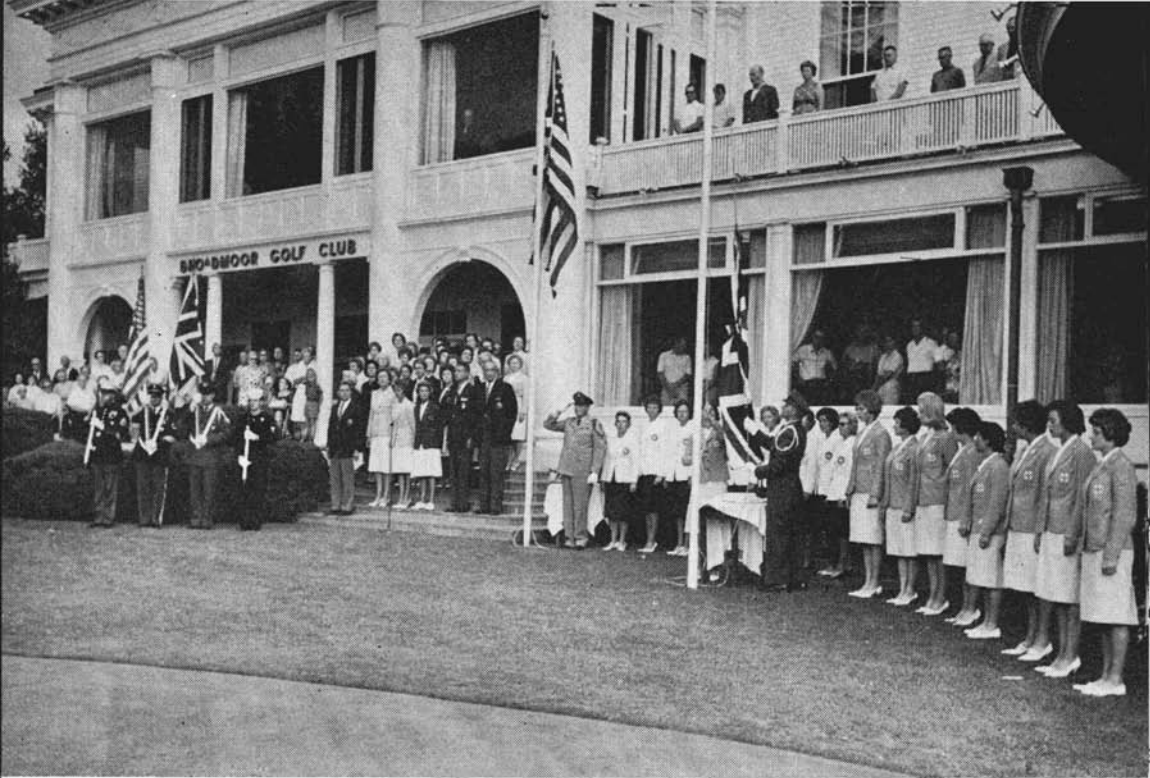
Golf clubs were stored  
In the pro shop with care,  
In the hopes in the morning  
They still would be there.

The players were nestled  
All snug in their beds,  
While visions of birdies  
Danced in their heads.

Bunty in her curlers,  
And Polly with her night cap,  
Had just settled down  
For a half hour's nap  
When over the Broadmoor  
There came a new day,  
For the Curtis Cup  
The two Teams would play.  
Then out on the course  
There rose such a clatter  
The Captains sprang from their beds  
To see what was the matter.  
What to their wondering  
Eyes did appear —  
Joe Dey setting pins,  
First far and then near.  
With a flash and a flurry  
They put on their shoes.  
Each was so sure  
Her Team couldn't lose.  
They raced down the halls  
Calling their packs.  
Up Gundy, up Ashley,  
Up Vaughan and Bonallacks.  
On Decker, On Spearman,  
On Roberts and Preuss.  
Away to the first tee  
With swings strong and loose.  
Go Johnstone, go Porter,  
Go Frearson and Creed.  
Both Bunty and Polly  
Want a first-day lead.  
Play McIntire, play Irvin  
Forget shaking knees.  
Play away, play away,  
Play away, please.

#### AT THE BROADMOOR

We came to the Broadmoor,  
The beautiful Broadmoor,  
To play in the Curtis Cup.  
The greens were so tricky  
They slipped us a mickey —  
We thought that down was up.  
But we played and we practiced  
We knew we could hack this  
And win for the U. S. A.  
The Cup we all wanted  
But could not be daunted  
We'd have it on Saturday.  
Big galleries all rooted  
The team was well-suited,  
Here in the Broadmoor sun.  
To win is important —  
But just as important,  
Each of us had fun.  
And now that it's ended  
And the Cup we've defended  
These words we want to say:  
We thank the Committee,  
As we sing this ditty,  
For asking us to play!



RAISING OF FLAGS AT THE BROADMOOR

## 1962 INTERNATIONAL MATCH FOR THE CURTIS CUP

Held at Broadmoor Golf Club, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
August 17 and 18

### FOURSOMES

BRITISH ISLES	Points	UNITED STATES	Points
Mrs. Michael Bonallack and Mrs. Marley Spearman .....	0	Mrs. Jay D. Decker and Miss Barbara McIntire (7 and 5) .....	1
Miss Ann Irvin and Miss Sheila Vaughan .....	0	Miss Clifford Ann Creed and Miss JoAnne Gunderson (4 and 3) .....	1
Mrs. Alastair Frearson and Miss Ruth Porter .....	0	Miss Jean Ashley and Mrs. Les Johnstone (8 and 7) .....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3</b>

### SINGLES

Mrs. Marley Spearman .....	0	Mrs. Jay D. Decker (5 and 4) .....	1
Mrs. Michael Bonallack .....	0	Miss JoAnne Gunderson (2 and 1) .....	1
Mrs. Alastair Frearson (8 and 7) .....	1	Miss Judy Bell .....	0
Miss Jean Roberts .....	0	Miss Phyllis Ann Preuss (1 up) .....	1
Miss Sally Bonallack .....	0	Miss Clifford Ann Creed (6 and 5) .....	1
Miss Sheila Vaughan .....	0	Miss Barbara McIntire (5 and 4) .....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>5</b>
<b>Grand Total—British Isles</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>Grand Total—United States</b> .....	<b>8</b>
Non-playing Captain—Mrs. Frances Smith		Non-playing Captain—Miss Polly Ann Riley	